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SUBJ: AFGHAN-ITALIAN MILITARY RELATIONS

1. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR BRIGANTE-COLONNA TOLD ME ON JUNE 18 THAT HE HAS OFFERED TO THE GOA THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME ITALIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE AFGHAN MILITARY FORCES. SPECIFICALLY HE IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF INVITING AN AFGHAN MILITARY DELEGATION TO ITALY TO OBSERVE ITALIAN TRAINING FACILITIES, FOR EXAMPLE, MOUNTAIN TROOPS AND HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. HE SAID THAT THE INITIAL AFGHAN REACTION HAS BEEN FAVORABLE AND HE INTENDS TO PURSUE THE MATTER BOTH HERE AND IN ROME.

2. BRIGANTE-COLONNA SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OFFER THE AFGHANS AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE TO THEIR ALMOST EXCLUSIVE RELIANCE ON THE SOVIETS FOR MILITARY TRAINING. I TOLD HIM THAT I AGREE ENTIRELY WITH THAT THOUGHT. ELIOT

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